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The Orchid Club of South Australia has a Facebook page and welcomes all members and their friends and family to follow. The page is brimming with orchid tips and beautiful photos. It is a great way to interact with other members to keep up to date with the latest orchid culture. Facebook address is: https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Orchid-Club-of-South-Australia-Inc/505318872931516

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JUDGING ROSTER FOR MARCH, 2018

Open Division: Leader – Rayne Riggs, with John Gay and Graeme Hazledine
First Division: Leader – Steve Howard, with Graham Zerbe and Les Nesbitt
Second/OIS/ Division: Leader – Noel Oliver, with Ron Yates and John Lampard
Recorders: Judges to record
Computer: Lesley Fenton, Bev Gay
Reserves: David and Pat Harmer

NOTES FOR MARCH

- Regional Judging Panel meeting held Tuesday 13th March at Pulteney Grammar
- OCSA Autumn Show/Festival of Flowers judging starts 6pm Friday 20th April at St. Paul’s College Gymnasium, Gilles Plains
- OCSA Judging Panel meeting held Monday 7th May at Enfield CC in crèche room.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE MARCH 2018

2018 has started full of promise and excitement with a few more challenges than were expected. For those who may not be aware our Junior Vice President, Trevor Camac became ill shortly after our AGM Meeting and has been confined to hospital, after which he will enjoy a long respite. Trevor is in a stable condition, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

The vacancy created by Trevor and the two unfilled committee positions, creates a dilemma for the OCSA Committee. The administration, management and operation of OCSA functions during the year, relies heavily upon the support of our club membership. OCSA does appreciate the many helpers.

The committee have briefly discussed this matter and are already reassigning some of the workload. However this can only stretch so far. I have already made requests in the club bulletin, and at the AGM and Day Group meetings, for additional support. If you feel under inexperienced or unsure, help is always available. PLEASE consider my requests and speak to me at the next meeting.

If we are not able to spread the work-load sufficiently, we may be forced to either allocate responsibilities, or reduce functionality. The major area of concern is our orchid shows. We currently do not have a Show Marshall. This affects our orchid competition and our trading table sales.

**REMEMBER**, I need your help, come and chat with me, you never know you may uncover some hidden talents.

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**Workshop Day**

Our first function for the year is almost upon us. Our next Workshop Day is on the Sat. 17th March at Wendy and Michael Lodges at 4 Narelle Ct Hope Valley. The next day group and night meetings will be your last opportunity to **REGISTER** to help with our catering numbers.

If you have an orchid plant and want some advice, please bring it along. If you have some suspicious marks on leaves, **place the leaves in a plastic bag** and bring them along too.

A barbeque lunch and drinks (plus tea and coffee) will be provided, please bring a salad or sweets to share. We will be starting promptly at 10am and concluding at 3pm. These are always well attended and lots of fun, if you are a new member and want to learn more about orchids, then this is the place to be.

**Questions and Answers**

Our first selection of questions you wanted to know about are enclosed in this bulletin. Remember if you do not know, a lot of others do not know also. Please continue to send in your questions and keep a copy of these bulletins. This advice could become the most up-to-date orchid information you will ever read.

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Our orchid appreciation table at the front of the meeting was well supported last month.
Thank You to all those members who brought in a flowering plant for our display. Thank You also to Les Nesbitt for his interesting talk on Orchids and China. I know I was jealous, that I do not live there. **AND** I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting and if you’ve not spoken with me, why not?

*Des Bettcher, President*

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NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Congratulations to Lesley Fenton and John Lampard, who were voted in by the members at the AGM. Their names are being engraved on our Honor Life Member Board for 2017. We continue to appreciate and benefit from their long service.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2018 ARE NOW DUE

Committee has revised the membership fees for 2018 as follows:

For members who wish to continue receiving the Bulletin by post the fees remain at:

- Single: $35:00
- Joint/Family: $40:00

For members who wish to continue receiving the Bulletin by email or those members who want to change to receiving the Bulletin by email, the fees will be:

- Single: $25:00
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Members who wish to change from receiving the magazine by post to receiving it by email, I will need your email address.

Payment may be made at the Treasurer’s Desk at the next Monthly Meeting or by post to:

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Alternatively, they can be paid by Direct Debit to:

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BE SURE to put in the “Comments” field your name and 2017 subs

Thanking you.  

Graham Hein – Treasurer

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BEGINNER’S GROUP

The Beginner's Group in March will concentrate on preparing your plants for showing. With the Festival of Flowers (OCSA’s Autumn Show) rapidly approaching there is only 2 beginner's groups available to ask questions about entering your plants for competition. Please bring those questions to the next meeting along with any problem plants Also bring any questions about last month’s taxonomy discussion. I will have a few more taxonomy handouts for people who missed the last meeting.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: If I put more fertiliser on my orchid plants will they flower better?
A: The amount of fertiliser that you put on your orchid plants may have little effect on the number of spikes or the number of blooms per spike. Fertiliser should be applied as recommended, by well-known orchid growers, commercial orchid nursery staff, your local orchid club or recognised fertiliser manufacturers. Factors which affect the flowering potential of an orchid, include, adequate light, watering, temperature and the type of fertiliser used and the time of year it is applied.

Q: Should I divide my orchids into single bulbs and or growths?
A: Most orchid plants perform best, when they are divided into small divisions. Why? They build up into lovely flowering spectacles quicker, they are more likely to flower the next season, if the division has more than 3-4 green bulbs and the plant development is more established.

Q: My neighbour has orchid spikes on his Cymbidiums. It is Late January. Should my cymbidiums spikes be showing yet?
A: Orchid flowering seasons vary according to the particular ‘Genus’. (a Genus is a subdivision of one or more orchid species with like characteristics)-(Species plants are the lowest Taxonomy group). Early flowering Cymbidiums can produce flower spikes in Jan/Feb/Mar. Mid-season from March to May. Late flowering orchids may produce flower spikes in October/November. And yes some Aust. Native Cymbidiums can produce flower spikes in December. These times may vary slightly according to your location in Australia. In answer to your questions, most Cymbidiums are, Winter flowering and the timing of flower spikes varies according to a particular plant or breeding line.
FEBRUARY DAY GROUP REPORT

Des Bettcher

This was my first meeting as Day Group Coordinator.

If you have not heard, Trevor Camac was going to be taking the meeting but due to ill health, which ended with him in hospital with a heart complaint I took over from him. We wish him well and a speedy recovery. Payback will be later.

Wow! What a day. 38 degrees and I welcomed 24 people to the meeting.

A big thank you to Pat and Dave Harmer who were there to help, Yvonne Arthur, who was there before me setting up the sign in book and raffle tickets, the Committee who were there to support me, Betty and Don who run the trading table and to Enid who jumped up to get the tea and coffee and biscuits ready to go. I couldn’t have done it without you all so thank you.

I mentioned that the AGM was held at our last night meeting and that we have two new Life Members, Lesley Fenton and John Lampard.

Our next workshop is at Wendy and Michael Lodge’s house, 4 Narelle Court, Hope Valley. 10.00am-3.00pm. I asked that all those that will be attending please let Edda know for the numbers. Please bring your own chair and a plate of either salad or dessert to go with the sausage sizzle.

I talked about the Festival of Flowers being held on 21st and 22nd April at St Paul’s College, Grand Junction Road, Gilles Plains. For those displaying plants please have them in Friday after 4.00pm and likewise any plants that members are selling on the trading table.

I also said that we are looking for a Show Marshall as Trevor Camac will no longer be doing it. If you are interested please see a Committee member. You will not be alone as you will have help. Likewise we are looking for more Committee members to help. If you would like to come to a Committee meeting to see how we do things please see a Committee member. The more we have the less work we have to do.

I also mentioned that Members subscriptions are now due.

I then welcomed Les Nesbitt as our Guest Speaker. Les has been to China many times and talked about the different places he had visited along with photos of many orchids and different varieties of plants. We all thoroughly enjoyed his talk. Thank you Les.
I then drew the Members Draw which was won by Betty Schwarz.

I then asked Ron Yates and Wendy Lodge to do the plant commentary. For such a hot day and so few members we had a fantastic display of orchids of all varieties. As you will see from the photo. Thankyou Ron and Wendy.

I then had the raffle draw and reminded the members of the next night meeting on 1st March and the day meeting 9th March.

I then closed the meeting and invited the members to view the orchid display and to have a cuppa and biscuits and a chat.

Hilary Leisavnieks

Celebrations and Presentations

In recognition of his long service with the club, Peter Hills, our retiring raffle ticket seller at night meetings was presented with a gift box. It also being his 90th Birthday, we celebrated with a yummy cake and lovely flower show at the February meeting. We thank Joan Mason for taking over the raffle tickets sales.

In recognition of their long and invaluable service as the Day Group Coordinating Team, Pat and Dave Harmer were presented with a gift box and a glass award. They were also thanked for their service mentoring at Valley View High School that is now needing new mentors.

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**Appreciation Table**

The Appreciation table was a colourful mix of Vandas, Phalaenopsis, and Oncidium, hybrids and a species Coelogyne tomentosa as well as a large specimen of Porterara Blue Boy. The mixture of fragrance and beauty was quite enjoyable at the front of the hall during the meeting. These plants were not for judging but for total appreciation. If you have some to share bring them along for members at the March meeting. The need for such a table was made apparent when Nicky Zurcher unexpectedly brought a wonderful display to our December meeting and there was nowhere in the Hall to display them on the night so they were only on show in the judging room. Many members missed out seeing them. Looking forward to seeing your special orchid treasures in future.

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MARCH NIGHT GROUP GUEST SPEAKER

The night meeting on Thursday 1st March will be exciting for growers of Asian species orchids because Jane and Don Higgs will take us to Thailand on a wild orchid expedition. They are local growers who have travelled widely exploring the orchid habitats of the world and they will share some of the stories and images with members. Their orchid knowledge is vast and being judges, they have seen some of the best orchids around the world including Australia. Come and enjoy expanding your horizons to the tropics.

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MARCH DAY GROUP GUEST SPEAKER

The Day meeting on the 9th March will be extremely interesting because our Life member Coralie Hills will be speaking about her recent visit to Ecuador for the World Orchid Conference. Her story and images in the latest Orchids Australia are an excellent spread of the spectacular event. Her presentation will have us wishing we were there too, especially the South American orchids in profusion. So come along and enjoy something totally different

Edda Viskic, Speaker Coordinator
The Festival of Flowers & OCSA Autumn show will be held at St Paul’s College, 792 Grand Junction Road Gilles Plains on Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd April 2018

**Put In:** On Friday 20th of April between 4.00pm & 6.00pm. Entry will be available via Blacks Road Gate No 4 into the college quadrangle for unloading on Friday 20th and for loading after 4.00pm on Sunday 22nd. All vehicles must then be removed to the designated college car parks. **No vehicles are permitted to be parked within the college grounds.**
Judging will begin at 6.00pm on Friday 20th.

Parking: Parking will be available in the college car park during the show on Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd April 2017. Parking is not permitted in the College grounds other than the general car parks. Parking is NOT permitted in the general school quadrangle except for loading and unloading.

Black Road gate No 4 is then strictly for emergency use only.

Foliage Plants: These can be brought in with your orchids, make sure that your exhibitor’s number is on all pots. Please bring in as many as you can.

Plants and Labeling: Your plants should be presented ready for exhibition. Please ensure that the correct label for your Division is attached to each plant, displaying the plant name and your exhibitor number on the label.

Take Out: Take out will occur after 4.00pm on Sunday 22nd April 2018. Exhibits must not be removed from the show before this time without the approval of the Show Marshall. All plants must be removed, if a member is unable to remove their plants and wish to have another person pick them up please notify the Show Marshall before take out.

Show schedules: These will be available for members at the March and April club meetings.

Show helpers: If you can assist with the running of the show, on the BBQ, Plant sales stall or help out in the kitchen your help will be very much appreciated. Please contact the Show Marshall if you are able to assist.

Trading Table: Bring your plants through the side entrance of the hall after 4.00pm on Friday 20th of April and check them in with the trading table helpers. Ensure all labels and dockets are fully and correctly filled in, otherwise plants may not be accepted for sale, present your sale plants in the condition you would want if you were buying the plant.

Growers please note: - Plants suspected of being infected with virus, disease or insect infestation will not be eligible for competition and such plants will be asked to be removed from the show.

AOC Award: If you have a plant you wish to be judged for an AOC award then this can be arranged by phoning Graham Zerbe on Ph. 8263 3879 at least 48 hours before the commencement of show. An admission fee of $3.00 will be charged for entry. Entry doors will be open from 10.00am until 4.00pm on both Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd April 2018. Light refreshments will be available for the duration of the show.
FROM THE REGISTRAR FOR FEBRUARY

Plant of First Division and Registrar’s Choice

Judge Ron Yates gave comment about the plant *Stanhopea ruckeri* syn. *inodora* bought in by John & Margaret Lewis. It was growing in a hanging basket lined with sphagnum moss and containing a medium bark substrate. There were 3 inflorescences with 19 flowers in total, and 8 opened on the main with another inflorescence still to open. The flowers had a certain fragrance (not necessarily pleasant) and they occur in summer and only last 2-3 days. The flowers only take about 20 minutes to open and make a popping sound when they do. This species orchid occurs in Mexico and Nicaragua in dense forests at low altitudes. The plant has obviously been exposed to high light as there is evidence of sunburn on the leaves.

John Lewis informs us that he grows this plant cool hanging up in his shade house over the Cymbidiums, waters it every 3 or 4 days, and only uses slow release fertilizer every 3 months. It is growing in Cymbidium mix inside the moss lined basket, to allow the flowers to make their way to bottom of basket to present hanging down.

An absolute treat John, and thank you for bringing in the plant for the members to admire.

Plant of Open Division

Judge Rowan Crowhurst was on the Open Division Panel, and their choice for plant of division was a seedling plant of *Paphiopedalum godefroyae* var. *leucochilum*. It was chosen because it was vastly superior to the other plants that were benched, and it approaches AOC Award benchmarks. This species Paph. was named after French Botanist A. Godefroy-Lebeuf, (Madame Godefroy) hence it’s common name Mrs. Godefroy’s Paphiopedalum. It belongs to the Brachypetalum section of Paph’s. from Thailand where it grows on limestone cliffs, and...
it has previously received 124 awards. Congratulations to Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju on bringing in this fantastic species plant for the members to have a look at.

Michael and Oui grow this species plant in a heated house, watering once to twice a day in summer, every 10 days in winter. It receives fertilizer every watering, and is growing in a mix of small/medium bark, shell grit and perlite. They have owned the plant for 12 months and it was purchased from a Queensland Grower.

**Plant of OIS Division**

There were only 3 plants in Schools Division and the panel judging with Judge Graeme Hazledine chose the plant of *Stenoglottis macloughlinii* as plant of the division. The Stenolgottis group originates from South Africa. This species is not common on the show bench in South Australia. It is a small plant with one flowering inflorescence and two more still to come. It is quite a small plant compared to *Stenolgottis longifolia* which is often seen on our benches. The individual flowers are very small in size, white with very fine maroon red spotting. It is a progressive flowerer, with some spent flowers, some fully open flowers and some still developing on the one inflorescence. The plant is in very good condition and was shown by Kildare College.

Les Nesbitt (as mentor to Kildare College) writes that this species orchid is grown cool in a shade house at the College, it is deciduous in winter, receives fertilizer weakly weekly, and is growing in a mix of sand and native orchid mix. It forms clumps in a few years, and always flowers in February. Well grown, students of Kildare College, keep up the excellent work.

*Wendy Lodge, Registrar*

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Registrars Notes to Members

Member information
As Registrar, I have been notified that 3 of our OCSA members have been promoted from First Division up to Open Division.
They are:
Member No. 370 Shane Moeller
Member No. 438 John Moon
Member No. 485 Chee Ng
Congratulations, Gentlemen, and I sincerely hope you do well in Open Division.

SA Orchid of the Year
Members who attended the February AGM meeting were asked to vote for their choice from the plants that were chosen as Registrar’s Choice from February to December last year. The plant with the most votes was from March, Ctt. Valentine Day, owned by Ron and Elizabeth Hannaford.
Judges also voted for their choice from the same plants but also included in their list was the champions from our 4 shows. Judges choice with the most votes was from the Winter Show, Paph. insigne owned by Dawn Franklin.
Congratulations to these winners, and thank you to judges and members who participated.

Reg Shooter and McFarlane Award winners
The Reg Shooter Award winner is chosen from plants nominated from our 4 shows as Best Australian Native Hybrid in Show, as well as entries from other Orchid Clubs within South Australia.
Chosen by a panel of 3 judges, the award for 2017 is going to Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju for their plant of Sarchochilis George Colthup ‘Mouliache’, nominated at the Socializing with Sarcs Night.
The McFarlane Trophy winner is chosen from plants again nominated from our 4 shows for best Australasian intergeneric hybrid in Show. Also chosen by a panel of 3 judges, the Trophy for 2017 is going to David and Pat Harmer for their plant of Dendrobium (Australian Ginger x leptophyton), nominated at our Spring Show.
The trophies for these awards will be handed out at our March meeting. Congratulations to Michael, Oui, David and Pat.
There is also an award given to the Best Australian Native Species in Shows being the Les Nesbitt Award, also chosen from our 4 shows as well as entries from other Orchid Clubs within South Australia, but for 2017, the award went to an entry from Native Orchid Society South Australia.
So, if you would like to be recognised as top Australian Native grower, make sure you enter your plants at one of OCSA’s 4 shows held throughout the year and who knows, you could win one of these South Australian awards for 2018.

Wendy Lodge, OCSA Registrar

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FEBRUARY MONTHLY FLORAL RESULTS

BEST ORCHID FIRST DIVISION AND REGISTRAR’S CHOICE
Stanhopea ruckeri syn. inadora - grown by John & Margaret Lewis

BEST ORCHID OPEN DIVISION
Paph..godefroyae var. leucochilum '2' – Grown by Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

BEST ORCHID – ORCHIDS IN SCHOOLS DIVISION
Stenoglottis. macloughlinii – grown by Kildare College

OPEN DIVISION

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid
1st Sarco. Bonanza 'LAC 11' John & Bev Gay
2nd Sarco. Belmont Rose 'Disney' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

Cymbidium – under 60mm Species
1st Cym. finlaysonianum Les Nesbitt

Laeliinae – Cluster
1st Epi. Pacific Heat David & Pat Harmer

Laeliinae - Species
1st C. tigrina Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
2nd C. tigrina Ron & Irene Parish
3rd C. harrisoniae Ron & Irene Parish

Laeliinae – Standard Shape Hybrid under 100mm
1st Cty. El Hatillo 'Pinti' David & Pat Harmer

Oncidiinae - Hybrid under 60mm
2nd C. Popcorn 'Haruri' John & Bev Gay

Orchid Seedling (Any Genera)
1st Paph. godefroyae var. leucochilum '2' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

Other Genera – Hybrid not listed elsewhere
1st Grccym. Pakkret Adventure '#' Pauline & Mark Hockey
2nd Coel. Kirribilli Joyce Ron & Irene Parish

Other Genera – Species not listed elsewhere
1st Ctsm. tenebrosum 'Tomiko' Steve Howard
2nd Gga. chocoensis Ron & Irene Parish
3rd Gga. galeata Ron & Irene Parish

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Paphiopedilum – Non-Standard Shape Hybrid
1st  Paph. Mount Toro 'Arabella'  Graeme & Maureen Hazledine
2nd  Paph. Transvaal  David & Pat Harmer

Paphiopedilum – Species
1st  Paph. godefroyae var. leucochilum '2'  Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
2nd  Paph. godefroyae var. leucochilum '1'  Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

Phalaenopsis/Vandeae - Hybrid Under 80mm
1st  Van. Lou Sneary  Steve Howard

Phalaenopsis/Vandeae - Species
2nd  V. falcata  Les Nesbitt

Terrestrial Other Than Australian Native - Species
1st  Sngl. macloughlinii  Les Nesbitt
2nd  Disa uniflora  Les Nesbitt

FIRST DIVISION

Other Genera – Hybrid not listed elsewhere
1st  Den. Unknown  Ron & Elizabeth Hannaford

Other Genera – Species not listed elsewhere
1st  Stan. ruckeri syn. inadora  John & Margaret Lewis

Paphiopedilum – Non-Standard Shape Hybrid
1st  Paph. (Hsinying Artist x Hsinying  Graham Hein

OIS DIVISION

Laeliinae - Species
1st  Psh. cochleata  Willunga High School O. C.
2nd  Psh. cochleata  Willunga Primary School
3rd  Psh. cochleata  Kildare College

Oncidiinae - Hybrid under 60mm
1st  Onc. Sharry Baby 'Dancing Doll'  Willunga High School O. C.

Other Genera – Species not listed elsewhere
1st  Sngl. macloughlinii  Kildare College

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1st of March at 8:00pm.
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DAY GROUP MEETING
9th of March at 2:00pm
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